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TALKING POINTS

- levels of funding for Central America contained in the FY-84

 Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations Bill, as marked up by

 Chairman Whitten's Committee on July 26.
- request for military assistance for Central America.
 - stopping Marxist expansion in the Caribbean, promoting economic recovery and development in Central America, and supporting the emerging democratic trends in the region.
- The process of strengthening democracy in Bl Salvador is continuing, as exemplified by the recent elections, but cannot realistically be expected to succeed without adequate economic and military assistance.
 - Unfortunately, the procedures under which this bill is being brough, to the floor will prevent the Administration from Offering an amendment to restore most of the Administration's Central America funding requests.
 - when the bill in considered later this week, which would increase appropriations for foreign aid programs, including Central America, to the levels currently authorized. This is the best that we can do at this time under the procedures of the House.
 - Allow us to carry forward the first year of the recommendations of the President's Bipartisan Commission on Central America.
 - -- Nevertheless, the Kemp Amendment, will set the stage for a more favorable outcome in the Conference Committee.
 - Representative Kemp's Amendment.
 - information, we would be pleased to assist you.

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